

On Monday, February 9th, the Senate voted 92-0 to confirm the nomination of Michael P. Botticelli as Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). Mr. Botticelli will be the first ONDCP Director who is in long term recovery from a substance use disorder, recently celebrating 26 years in recovery.

Mr. Botticelli has more than two decades of experience supporting Americans who have been affected by substance use disorders. Prior to joining ONDCP, Acting Director Botticelli served as Director of the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, where he successfully expanded innovative and nationally recognized prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery services for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He also forged strong partnerships with local, state, and Federal law enforcement agencies; state and local health and human service agencies; and stakeholder groups to guide and implement evidence-based programs. These programs include the establishment of a treatment system for adolescents, early intervention and treatment programs in primary healthcare settings, jail diversion programs, re-entry services for those leaving state and county correctional facilities, and overdose prevention programs.



"The confirmation of Michael Botticelli as Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy is symbolic and inspiring for the addiction recovery community. It is a historic moment we can all be proud of as we have strived to put a faces and a voice on recovery at the highest levels of public policy. As a highly competent leader, passionate about bringing personal and professional experience into this leadership role, Michael is the right person at the right time to lead the nation in the effort to ensure more Americans have access to effective prevention, treatment and recovery supports. We are stronger together and Faces & Voices of Recovery is incredibly fortunate to work with our partners at ONDCP to inform, educate and mobilize the recovery community in our efforts to eliminate barriers to long-term recovery." - *Patty McCarthy Metcalf, Executive Director of Faces & Voices of Recovery*

Here are Mr. Botticelli's [comments](#) following his confirmation hearing.